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Mr. A. Sidney Buford III
Director, Office of Libraries and
Intelligence Acquisition
Department of State
Room 614, State Annex #1

Dear Mr. Buford:

I have been instructed by the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications to urge the Department of State to reconstitute the Publication Procurement Office post in London. The Committee does not imply any adverse criticism of the Second Secretary at the London Embassy who, in addition to his other duties, is now serving as an interim Publication Procurement Officer, but rather the Committee believes that continuing contact with classified as well as overt sources must be maintained to receive maximum benefit from the publication procurement function. Obviously, this continuing contact can be maintained only by a full-time officer.

Your assistance in accomplishing the reconstitution of the London Publication Procurement Post is solicited.

Sincerely,

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Chairman
Advisory Committee on
Foreign Language Publications

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cc: CIA Librarian
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